

CHAPTER 263

S.B. No. 372

AN ACT

relating to the purchase of supplies, materials, services, or equipment from state funds appropriated for research projects.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 3.06, State Purchasing and General Services Act, as amended (Article 601b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3.06. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO STATE AGENCIES. *(a) In this section, "institution or other agency of higher education" means an institution of higher education or other agency of higher education as those terms are defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.*

*(b) The commission may delegate purchasing functions to a state agency.*

*(c) At the request of an institution or other agency of higher education, the commission shall delegate to the institution or agency authority to purchase supplies, materials, services, or equipment for research projects from state funds appropriated to it for that purpose. An institution or agency acting under the delegated authority shall follow the commission's monetary limits and procedures regarding competitive*

*bidding in the purchase of research supplies, materials, services, or equipment, but in making purchases the institution or agency may consider other factors, including quality, reliability, expected life span, and compatibility with existing equipment.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987, and applies to research purchases made by an institution or other agency of higher education after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on April 30, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. Passed the House on May 19, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved May 28, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.